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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/813,528	KOBAYASHI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Savitri Mulpuri	2812	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 12-21, 27-39, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54 and 56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 40, 41, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57 and 4345 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 12-21, 27-39, 42, 44, 48, 50, 52, 54 and 56 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the applicant's communication filed on 4/25/2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 7-8, 12-21, 42, 44, 46, 48,50,52,54,46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Motoki et al (US 6,667,184).

Motoki et al teaches laterally growing GaN layer on the GaN substrate(see abstract detailed description) . Motoki particularly teaches striped shaped second regions and at least on of the second regions having a c-axis inverted relative to the first regions (see col. 24, lines 8-24).

Claims 5-6, 12-17, 27-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Motoki et al.

The formulae claimed in claim 5 and claim 6 is obvious in the invention of Motoki et al because similar materials are similar as claimed invention because GaN is grown on a patterned GaN substrate. Claimed shapes of second regions (claims 10,11, 19) and the claimed distance between two adjacent second regions(claims 12-17 and the

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claimed diameter of the second regions and relative diameters of second and third regions (claims 22-26) are obvious because the dislocation density of second region higher than the dislocation density of the first region. Claimed defect densities in claim 29-30 in first and second and third regions are obvious in the invention of Motoki et al . It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to chose different shapes of second region, different distance between he second regions and different diameter of second and third regions through routine optimization to obtain reduced dislocation densities in the active region, where the device is fabricated.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 42, 44,46,50,52,54,56 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of copending Application No. 1-79,80 .

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Claims 1,42,44,46,50,52,54,56 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1,79,80 of copending Application No. 11/148,771. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the scope of instant claims are encompassed by the scope of the application claims, wherein specifically "growing layers nitride III-V semiconductor layer for forming light emitting device" is recited".

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ito et al teaches GaN lateral growth on GaN substrate with growth preventing structure "804".

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Savitri Mulpuri whose telephone number is 57-72-1677. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Lebentritt, can be reached on 571-272-1873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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